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EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their non-EEA family members who were resident in the UK by the end of the transition period at 23:00 GMT on 31 December 2020, are reminded to protect their right to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021 by applying to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). Applications to the EUSS are free and the application deadline, for those resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, is 30 June 2021.

If you apply successfully to the EUSS, you'll be able to continue living, working and studying in the UK after 30 June 2021. Successful applicants get either <u>settled status or</u> <u>pre-settled status</u>. This means you will continue to be eligible to access the benefits and services you do now.

The EUSS is free to apply to and the online application form can be accessed on <u>GOV.UK</u> using a computer, tablet or mobile phone. The application requires you to provide proof of your identity and nationality, residence in the UK, and to declare criminality. More information on the EUSS can be found <u>here</u>.

The latest Home Office <u>monthly statistics</u> show that there have been over 5.1 million applications to the EUSS so far, with just over 3 months to go before the deadline.

EEA children of all ages (21 and under) require their own immigration status and are not covered by a parent's application to the EU Settlement Scheme. An application must be made for every eligible child within a family.

Eligible close family members<sup>\*</sup>, who were living overseas at the end of the transition period, have the right to join their EU, EEA or Swiss citizen family member in the UK and apply to the EUSS at any point in the future. This is provided that the EU, EEA or Swiss citizen was living in the UK by 31 December 2020 and has successfully applied to the EUSS, and that their relationship existed by 31 December 2020 (except in the case of children who are born or adopted after 31 December 2020) and continues to exist at the time that family member seeks to come to the UK.

\*'Close family members' means a spouse or civil partner, durable partner, dependent parent or child, including one born or adopted after 31 December 2020.



If you require support or further information on applying to the EUSS for a child, please click on the resources below:

- Information on applying for a child can be found <u>here</u>.
- Looked after children and further information for local authorities can be found <u>here.</u>
- Community groups and charities supporting EUSS applications near you here and here.

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